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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that this year the answer papers were sent to the examiners very very late, and that has caused inconvenience for the examiners to return the papers in time and also they corrected the papers in a hurried way, which is not proper and conducive to the examination itself?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, the answer papers were sent very very late. They were sent late, because examinations were held late. I cannot admit what the hon. Member seems to allege that the answer papers were corrected in a hurried way.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What is the time allowed for correcting these papers, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All these details cannot be given in the public interest. Even without all these details, there are attempts to get at the examiners and get marks and all that.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government thought of any substitute for examinations, and have any suggestions been made by the National Education Commission in this regard, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like the educational experts like the hon. Member to give us suggestions about a substitute. I would also like to dispense with the examinations if we could have a proper way of getting the boys and girls to study well.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Is it a fact that certificate books of S.S.L.C. students, who passed this year, were delivered too late in the mofussil areas with the result they experienced great difficulty in getting admissions to the colleges? What action have the Government taken in this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : On account of the examinations having been held late, there was some delay in despatching the certificate books. But the University has been good enough to extend the time for applying for admissions to colleges up to the 21st August 1965.

Tamil book for the Central Government Prize Award Scheme

* 95 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether any Tamil book was selected for the Central Government Prize Award Scheme for the year 1964–65?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In the competition held in 1964 under the Central Scheme for the Award of Prizes for best books in Children's Literature, the book " Pandaya Ulagil Parakkum Pappa " was selected for the award of a prize for best book in Tamil.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is there any limit to the maximum number of books that will get the prizes, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Only one prize is given under each category. That is the information I have, Sir.

Thermal Plant at Tuticorin

*96 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to set up a Thermal Plant at Tuticorin; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) The Madras Government have proposed the establishment of a Thermal plant at Tuticorin; and

(*b*) It is under the consideration of the Government of India.

திரு. ஜே. பொன்னுசாமி வில்லவராயர்: அது தனியார் துறை யிலா அல்லது பொதுத் துறையிலா என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன்: நாம் முதலில் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு எழுதியதில் 100 மெகவாட் கொண்ட மின்சக்தி நிலையம் வைப்பதாக எழுதியிருந்தோம். இப்போது 250 மெகவாட் மின்சக்தி கொண்ட நிலயம் செய்து கொடுக்க முன் வந்திருக் கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் செய்து கொடுக்கும் நிலயத்தை ஏற்றுக் கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்று எழுதியிருக்கிறோம்.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Is there any proposal to recommend any other Thermal station at Coimbatore as was requested by the mill-owners of that district?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Yes, they did long ago. But I do not think they are now in a position to put it through, because the cost has gone up between the period they proposed and now. So, there is no active proposal from Coimbatore for a thermal station to be established by them.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: After the proposed thermal station at Tuticorin materialises, when do the Government propose to take it over?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: As soon as it is completed. It will be put up by Dr. Dharma Teja with the assistance of the State Electricity Board. The cost thereof would be met by the private entrepreneur and it will be handed over as soon as it is completed by the Electricity Board, and we will repay the amount over a period of 12 years.